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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I wish to express my happiness upon hearing about the Department of Justice (DOJ) decision to end its antitrust lawsuit against Microsoft. This decision will be a boost to Microsoft which will benefit our economy at a time that when it's greatly needed.

The DOJ and Microsoft have been involved in this case for more than three years now. After much consideration, the parties agreed to settle. The settlement has many heavy sanctions against Microsoft, but is simply not enough for those that wish to harm Microsoft for more than just antitrust reasons.

The settlement requires Microsoft to document and disclose, for use by its competitors, various interfaces that are internal to Windows' operating system products -- a first in an antitrust settlement. It also forces Microsoft to make available to its competitors any protocols in Windows' operating system products that are used to interoperate natively with any Microsoft server operating system. These will make other companies' products run more efficiently on Windows, increasing competition.

Now that all of this is finally over, the government should let this agreement fall in to place. In my opinion, the federal government needs not take any more action against Microsoft beyond this settlement.

Sincerely,

  
Duncan D. McGregor

cc: Senator Strom Thurmond